

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen**  
**in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 11, 2003, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meetings of July 10, 2003, and August 7, 2003.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 48 ft. of conduit in Newbury St.
4. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to relocate pole 377/2 in Windsor Rd.
5. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install pole 482/18A and 6 ft. of conduit at Walnut and Medford Sts.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS**  
**AND MOTIONS OF MEMEBERS**

6. Citation By Ald. Provost and the Entire Board, Congratulating the Somerville Mathematics Fund for receiving the Golden Tassel award from Dollars for Scholars.
7. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Personnel develop guidelines for second jobs and income for designated municipal officials as defined by Section 15-1 of the Ethics Ordinance.
8. Order By Ald. Trane, That Section 15-1 of the Ethics Ordinance be amended by changing the definition of designated municipal officials to include all project managers of construction projects in excess of \$1,000,000.
9. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works enforce Ordinance 11-31 regarding trash collection, paying particular attention that no refuse be placed on sidewalks earlier than 7PM on the day prior to collection.

10. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That the Administration consider re-hiring two laid-off workers to a temporary assignment in Traffic and Parking, as PCO's, who strictly enforce double parking, bus stop and fire hydrant parking across the city, and report directly to the Mayor's Office so their assignments can't be changed.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Franklin St. from Pearl St. to Broadway for speeding vehicles.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health jointly investigate 38-40 Illinois Ave. for any and all violations, specifically an illegal apartment and another apartments being used as a boarding house.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking post signage at Mt. Vernon St. at Broadway, indicating a \$50 fine for blocking the intersection and coordinate with the Police Dept. for proper enforcement.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development request that Mass Highway change the truck signage on Rt. 93 South from directing trucks to exit at Sullivan Sq. to exit at Mystic Ave., with appropriate signage routing them via McGrath Hwy.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Superintendent of Lights and Lines install yellow flashing lights with a 20 MPH speed limit on Franklin and Glen Sts., warning motorists that they are entering a school zone.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development install some bucket seats on the swing sets for young toddlers.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the trees that have been removed from both tree wells on Maine Ave. at Pennsylvania Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Clerk send a communication to Sen. Shannon and Rep. Toomey asking that the State Police to provide a 24 hour presence at Foss Park and report back to this Board with action taken.
19. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development ask the MDC when the walkway from McGrath Hwy. to Highland Ave./Medford St. will be repaired.

20. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace all sidewalks on Dell St., especially at the corner of Glen St., as soon as possible.
21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Dell St. and Fountain Ave. during school start and ending times to determine the impact of traffic and recommend alternate traffic flows.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police inform the owners of Webster Auto Sales and Joseph and Jean Auto Repair about restrictions against parking vehicles on the sidewalk.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations regarding signage and other measures to insure pedestrian safety at the intersection of South and Medford Sts.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign at the corner of Horace and South Sts.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, The Commission of Public Works clean and remove all vegetation from the area known as Concord Square.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works Clean the city-owned parking lot in Union Square.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Perry St. Playground on Washington St.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all overgrown vegetation from the city-owned Kiley Barrel site in Union Square.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to this Board on the department policy concerning the removal of "white goods" from city streets when they do not have a sticker.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Public Health bait the Kiley Barrel site in Union Square.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to this Board regarding the proposed timetable and plan for reconstruction of the traffic island in Union Square.

32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on any demolition progress of the Lowell St. Bridge.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the restriction against the illegal use of visitor passes at 260-290 Highland Ave., particularly with a blue van, MA Registration 4623 DV.
34. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police enforce the restriction against illegal parking on Lowell Terrace.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk send a communication to the members of the State delegation requesting them to inform this Board of any progress regarding the re-construction of the Lowell St. Bridge.
36. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development gate the newly renovated Trum Field tot lot at night.
37. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees between 40-48 Rogers Ave.
38. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defective water bubbler at Trum Field.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services explain to this Board the delay in prosecuting the matter regarding 61 Clyde St.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect 26 Adams St. and cite the owner for any and all violations.
41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board's Finance Committee regarding overtime.
42. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Chief Assessor appear before this Board to discuss the provisions of the Municipal Relief Act as it applies to the sale of the Bow St. Police Station and Conwell School and the City's submission of the recap sheet to the Department of Revenue.

43. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief Financial Officer appear before this Board to update this Board on the Administration's intentions on taking advantage of the two-year deferral of payments for un-funded pension liability provision in the Municipal Relief Act.
44. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing sign at the corner of Moreland and Main Sts.
45. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board the number of Somerville contractors who are working on the new CVS in Magoun Square and who they are
46. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Radcliffe Rd. at the corner of Walnut St.
47. Resolution By Ald. McCallum and White, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming a square in memory of George and Francis McKenna.
48. Resolution By Ald. McCallum and White, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming a square in memory of Elizabeth Judge.
49. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the street sign at the corner of Temple St. and Bailey Rd.
50. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the NO PARKING sign at the corner of Bailey and Ten Hills Rds.
51. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the litter and debris from Butler Dr.
52. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 37 Dartmouth St. for an illegal apartment in the basement.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the traffic lights at Summer St. and Willow Ave. and provide the reasoning for having walk control buttons on only two of the four corners.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in the crosswalk at the intersection of Chester and Elm Sts. in Davis Square.

55. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Superintendent of Lights and Lines explain the following to this Board:
1. Why the walk signals at the corner of Washington and Beacon Sts. have been out of order for the past 6 months.
  2. Why Board members were told 3 weeks ago that the independent electrical contractors hired to upgrade and repair traffic lights and switches, would be working at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Sts. within a week's time, and 3 weeks later have not shown up yet.
  3. Why there is such poor communication to this Board on this issue when there have been 2 Board Orders and numerous conversations in person and on the phone.
56. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim back the branches on the tree outside 10 Olive St. (2<sup>nd</sup> request).
57. Order By Ald. Desmond, McCallum and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the traffic lights at the intersection of Walnut and Pearl Sts. and explain to this Board why the lights are set to a blinking yellow in both directions versus a full cycle that controls traffic.
58. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the two dead trees in front of 31 College Ave. and arrange for replacement of the trees ASAP.
59. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk in front of 15 Burnham St. and trim the trees on Burnham St. between Broadway and Powderhouse Blvd. ASAP.
60. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Director of Housing and Community Development inform this Board whether SF Properties and CVS are employing a union labor force on their Magoun Square project as requested by this Board by #173017 on January 9, 2003. (2<sup>nd</sup> request since May, 2003).
61. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the School Dept. or Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the gate to the below-grade parking area on the south side of the Capuano School is closed and locked every night.
62. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the RESIDENT PARKING ONLY signs on Franklin St. and elsewhere in the vicinity of the new Capuano School, from which such signs had been removed during the period of construction.

63. Order By Ald. Provost, Taylor and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Housing and Community Development present to the Board and to the Union Square neighborhood the city's plan for rebuilding and landscaping the Bow St. traffic island, and meet with neighbors to discuss the plan.
64. Ordinance By Ald. Provost, Taylor and Heuston, Resubmitting the proposed zoning amendment titled the Somerville Residential Neighborhood Protection Ordinance to the Planning Board for advertising and a public hearing.
65. Order By Ald. Provost, White, Taylor and Heuston, That the City Clerk send a letter to Michael Mulhern, MBTA General Manager, requesting that the MBTA schedule community meetings in Somerville to get public input on the most favorable alignment for the Green Line Extension through Union Square to Medford Hillside.
66. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking regulation concerning blocking visibility and access to a driveway at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Ave., and check the immediate area for proper signage and/or markings.
67. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health address the health and safety issues pertaining to the storage and disposal of trash at 8 Belmont St.
68. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the High School Concourse area.
69. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the area of Bow and Summer Sts. to curtail reported vandalism.
70. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Housing and Community Development investigate the possibility of planting a tree at 33 Cambria St.
71. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking regulation at the corner of Gibbens and Central Sts.
72. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police enforce the regulated speed limit on Walnut St. between Bow St. and Highland Ave., and place a speed board in that vicinity.

73. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the DEAD END sign on Wesley Park.
74. Comm. By President O'Donovan, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen previously scheduled for December 23, 2003, is cancelled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

75. Requesting approval of the expenditure of a \$200,000 grant from the EPA for Allen St., and the expenditure of a \$55,000 modification to an existing grant from the NPS for Groundwork Somerville, and the extension of the contract with Groundwork Somerville, to October 31, 2006.
76. Requesting approval of the use of available funds in the Police Dept. OM budget to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,115.56.
77. Requesting approval of the use of available funds in the Police Dept. budget to pay a prior year invoice of \$483.75.
78. Requesting approval of the receipt of a \$500 gift from Target Stores, for the Library's children's summer reading program.
79. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Father Brian McCue, 179 Summer St., to the Ethics Commission.
80. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kim Stollar, 31 Irving St., to the Conservation Commission.
81. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Derick Snare, 158 Central St., to the Historic Preservation Commission.
82. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Richard Brescia, 126 Ridge Rd., Arlington, as Chairman of the Board of Assessors.
83. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Christine Young, 28 Foskett Ave., to the Historic Preservation Commission.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 84. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Aug. 19.
- 85. Report of the Joint Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance, Aug. 26.
- 86. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Sept. 2.
- 87. Report of the Joint Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance, Sept. 10.
- 88. Report of the Committee on Finance, Sept. 10.
- 89. Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Sept. 9.
- 90. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Sept. 9

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- 91. City Solicitor re: prohibiting the overnight parking of non-residential trucks on City streets.
- 92. City Solicitor re: a revision to Section 1-11 of the Code of Ordinances.
- 93. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #174746 re: Taxi Regulations.
- 94. Asst. City Solicitor re: Placement and Maintenance of News Racks ordinance.
- 95. Director of OHCD responding to #174791 re: copies of a Brookings Institute Report.
- 96. Director of OHCD responding to #174802 re: missing Bus Stop sign at Indiana Ave. and Broadway.
- 97. OHCD Special Counsel submitting a revised Land Disposition Agreement for 50 Bow St.
- 98. Acting Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #174883 re: Bus Stop violations.
- 99. Director of Finance responding to #174790 re: the handling and disposition of rental income.
- 100. Director of Finance presenting information re: overtime expenditures in July and Aug.

101. DPW Director of Operations responding to various board orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

102. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Thorndike St. Block Party, Sept. 6 from 3-10PM.
103. Public Occ. Picnic & Softball Game, Hodgkins Park, Sept. 14 from 1-7PM.
104. Public Occ. Irving St. Block Party, Sept. 20 from 1-7PM.
105. Public Occ. “Taste of Somerville” Fundraiser, Washington St. Holiday Inn, Oct. 3 from 7–10PM.
106. Public Occ. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jason Dedrick Road Race, Sat. Oct. 18 from 11AM-1PM.
107. Public Occ. Waldo Ave. Block Party, Oct. 4 from 2-9PM.
108. Public Occ “Unreasonable Hour” Film Shoot, Ball Square, Oct. 19-21 from 12-4AM.
109. Public Occ. “Banding Together to End Homelessness” Fundraiser, Davis Sq., Sept. 20 from 1-5PM.
110. Public Occ. Willow Ave. Block Party, Oct. 5 from 1-6PM.
111. Sign **New Sign or Awning Permit**  
Bostonian Florist, 92A Highland Ave.
112. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating and Goods Permit**  
Bostonian Florist, 92A Highland Ave.
113. Lodging Hse **Renewal of Lodging House License**  
Delta Tau Delta, 98 Professors Row.
114. Lodging Hse Delta Upsilon, 114 Professors Row.
115. Lodging Hse Theta Delta Chi – Kappa Charge, 123 Packard Ave.
116. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License Class 2**  
T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.
117. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License Class 3**  
T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.

118. Livery **Renewal of Livery License**  
Mario Barros, 5 Waldo Ave. #6.
119. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**  
Enviroic Solutions, 169 Elm St., Waltham.
120. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver**  
Paul Cronin, 26A Linnaean St., Cambridge.
121. Taxi Driver James McMenimen, 20 Mondamin Ct.
122. Taxi Driver Peter Russo, 357 Commercial Ave., Boston.
123. Taxi Driver Paul Bijou, 49 Washington St., Hudson.
124. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**  
Denise Alleyne.
125. Claim Notice Siobhan Allison.
126. Claim Notice Jennifer Pasquarella.
127. Claim Notice Shodesa Garcia.
128. Claim Notice Brittany Yandle.
129. Claim Notice Jocelyn Mendoza.
130. Comm. **Communication**  
Senator Shannon responding to #174867 re: the proposed elimination of a tax deduction for certain state aided housing tenants.
131. Comm. Massachusetts National Guard re: the scheduled closure of the Somerville Armory.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**